GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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REINSTATING AGM SECURITY, AIR INDIA
ASHOK ARGAL

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the AGM Security of Air India, IGI Airport wassuspended by the Government on account of alleged lapse concerning security at IGI Airport in the case of illegal travel by two Afghan Nationals to London on flight Air India 111;

(b) if so, whether he has since been reinstated on the same again; and

(c) if so, the reasons for reinstating him again on the same position?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a): Yes, Sir. Shri G.S. Bankoti, Assistant General Manager - Security, Air India was placed under suspension alongwith three other officers of Air India at IGI Airportfor procedural lapses in connection with the travel of two passengers (stowaways-Afgan Nationals) to London on Flight AI-111 of 28th October, 2001 without proper travel documents.

(b) & (c) : Yes, Sir. A High Level Committee comprising ofthe officers from the Departments of Security, Commercial and HRD of Air India investigated the case. The committee after going through the material documents and statements of officials concluded that suspended officials are responsible for this lapse. Air India therefore decided to `censure` Shri G.S. Bankoti, AGM-Securityfor this lapse.